

BPL is a flawed means of achieving good ends, and should be rejected. Extending broadband Internet to areas not currently served and increasing competition between providers in areas that are served are good goals. However, BPL tests have already shown that it would interfere with licensed radio services that also benefit the public, including amateur radio, short wave radio, and government services that promote public safety. Organizations and individuals more competent than I to critique BPL have already filed comments and technical papers, so I will not re-hash that myself. I hope the FCC rejects BPL and encourages the development of other technologies, including wireless Internet, and fiber optics. The radio spectrum is a precious natural resource that needs to be protected and used wisely just like any other natural resource, and BPL would pollute it like smokestacks pollute the air and chemical runoff pollutes our rivers. In the past, polluting technologies came into use before we considered or knew about the consequences. In the case of BPL, the FCC has the opportunity to stop a new "polluting" technology before it gets up and running, and I hope the Commission considers this when making its decision. Thank you! --- John R. Coombs, Jr. KB1CHW